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Final performance report of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) (A/67/578). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 7 February 2013.

2. The mandate of UNOMIG was established by the Security Council in its resolution 858 (1993), expanded in its resolution 937 (1994) and last extended until 15 June 2009 in its resolution 1866 (2009).

3. Activities related to the liquidation of the Mission, including the disposition of its assets, were carried out during the period from 1 July to 31 October 2009. Information on the final disposition of the assets of UNOMIG is contained in the report of the Secretary-General dated 18 November 2011 (A/66/569), and the views and comments of the Advisory Committee on the exercise were contained in its report (A/66/718/Add.1).

II. Financial performance

4. A summary of the financial performance of the Mission from its inception (24 August 1993) to 30 June 2012 is provided in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/67/578). Information with respect to income, expenditure

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and fund balance is shown is table 1. As at 30 June 2012, of the total income of $446,103,000, net expenditure amounted to $398,823,000, leaving an unencumbered balance of $47,280,000. Taking into account credits returned to Member States in the amount of $41,488,000, the fund balance amounted to $5,792,000.

5. Information on the cash assets, liabilities and fund balance, as at 30 June 2012, is presented in table 2 of the report of the Secretary-General. The Advisory Committee notes from table 2 that for UNOMIG, cash available amounted to $1,431,000, while assessed contributions receivable from Member States totalled $4,361,000. With respect to actions taken by the Secretariat to collect assessed contributions, upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that Member States are informed of amounts of new and outstanding contributions for respective missions through the assessment letters, approximately on a monthly basis, which specifically request Member States to pay all amounts due and payable, including amounts in arrears. Furthermore, the status of assessed contributions, including amounts due and payable for all active and closed operations, is updated on a daily basis in the online Internet portal dedicated to reporting to Member States. In addition, amounts in arrears for all assessed operations, which are identified through the annual comprehensive review, are transmitted in letters to Member States. After the issuance of the final performance report of a mission, information related to updates on the collection of assessments or other receivables is provided in the annual report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions.

6. **The Advisory Committee recalls that in its resolution 66/272 on the financing of UNOMIG, the General Assembly noted with concern that only 157 Member States had paid their assessed contributions in full and urged all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions. The Committee further recalls the repeated calls by the Assembly for all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without conditions (see A/67/837, para. 6; resolution 65/293).**

Updated cash position

7. The Advisory Committee was informed that, as at 31 December 2012, as a result of changes in the cash position of the Mission, the amount of credit available for return to Member States had increased to $1,548,000, compared with $1,431,000 as at 30 June 2012 (see para. 5 above).

III. Recommendation

8. The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the final performance report for the Mission is contained in paragraph 7 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/67/578). **Taking into account the updated cash position of the Mission, the Advisory Committee recommends approval by the General Assembly to credit the cash balance of $1,548,000, as at 31 December 2012, to Member States.**